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Kellee Moyer
@kelleemoyer

RT @mindi_r I love these monthly chats. They help keep me inspired and energized to carry on my coaching work. #rwworkshop

6 MINUTES AGO

REPLY

RETWEET

FAVORITE



Kellee Moyer
@kelleemoyer

11/6 at 9PM ET! RT @mindi_r We're thinking that next month will be a Q & A free-for all. The more the merrier! Please join us! #rwworkshop

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Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

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Paul Solarz
@PaulSolarz

Thanks for a great chat this evening!!! Goodnight everyone! #LIVedchat #1to1techat #ptchat #rwworkshop #sbgchat

6 MINUTES AGO



Jamilla
@jamilla7672

[#rwworkshop](#) Thank You! It was a great conversation!

6 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

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7 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moyer
@kelleemoye

I learned so much tonight! Thank you all for taking part in the chat tonight! [#rwworkshop](#)

7 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

Thank you to everyone who participated in [#rwworkshop](#) chat tonight. Kellee will have the chat archived and posted on the wiki shortly.

7 MINUTES AGO



Jamilla
@jamilla7672

[@jillsiefken](#) [#rwworkshop](#) Putting it on my list!

7 MINUTES AGO

**Paul Solarz**

@PaulSolarz

The next [#EdCampChicago](#) has been scheduled! 10/26 in Wood Dale, IL.
Register FREE: edcamp2013chicago.eventbrite.com/?nomo=1
[#rwworkshop](#) [#ptchat](#)

7 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

[@jillsiefken](#) Her Book Love is also amazing. [#rwworkshop](#)

8 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

[@jillsiefken](#) YES! and not just for HS teachers! [#rwworkshop](#)

8 MINUTES AGO

**Kellee Moyer**

@kelleemoye

[@mindi_r](#) Don't know what you are talking about there ;) [#rwworkshop](#)

9 MINUTES AGO

**Jill Siefken**

@jillsiefken

"Write Beside Them" Great advice on teaching writing:
twowritingteachers.wordpress.com/2013/10/02/and... [#engchat](#)
[#rwworkshop](#) [#edchat](#)

9 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

@payanar My TBR problem is a direct effect of being on the Amelia Elizabeth Walden Award selection committee. #rworkshop

9 MINUTES AGO

**Kellee Moyer**

@kelleemoyer

Neverending!!!! RT @payanar Sooo many books in the TBR... #rworkshop

9 MINUTES AGO

**Andrea Payan**

@payanar

Sooo many books in the TBR... #rworkshop

9 MINUTES AGO

**Jamilla**

@jamilla7672

@mindi_r #rworkshop me too!

10 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

I'm also looking forward to Reading in the Wild by @donalynbooks #rworkshop

10 MINUTES AGO

**Kellee Moyer**

@kelleemoyer

@mindi_r I have that on my To-Purchase list. #rworkshop

10 MINUTES AGO

**Andrea Payan**

@payanar

@mindi_r LOVED Wake Up Missing! #rwworkshop

10 MINUTES AGO

**Kellee Moyer**

@kelleemoye

@jamilla7672 It is so phenomenal! #rwworkshop

10 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rensch**

@mindi_r

I have also preordered @iChrisLehman and @teachKate Close reading book. #rwworkshop

10 MINUTES AGO

**Kellee Moyer**

@kelleemoye

@mindi_r I need to preorder it! #rwworkshop

11 MINUTES AGO

**Andrea Payan**

@payanar

@kelleemoye Me too! Allegiant! #rwworkshop

11 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rensch**

@mindi_r

My 12 year old daughter and I will fight over Allegiant when it arrives on our doorstep later this month! #rwworkshop

11 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@mindi_r Allegiant! #rwworkshop

11 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

What books are you dying to read or are anxiously awaiting release dates?
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11 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

I make it a point to chat up the librarians at my library so they don't get mad about my huge hold piles! #rwworkshop

12 MINUTES AGO



Jamilla
@jamilla7672

@kelleemoye #rwworkshop my kids love that book. I can't keep it on the shelf!

12 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@mindi_r I have that to read too! I need to get through some of my blog "to review" pile before moving onto other bks though. #rwworkshop

12 MINUTES AGO



Melissa Guerrette
@guerrette79

@mindi_r I want to read that also. #rwworkshop

12 MINUTES AGO



Jamilla
@jamilla7672

#rwworkshop Thank you all for a wonderful chat!!!I'm glad there are others who value workshop model!

13 MINUTES AGO



Melissa Guerrette
@guerrette79

@mindi_r Worth the wait. Think my local librarian is catching on-commented on this wk's picks: "You have 3 brand new bks again"
#rwworkshop

13 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

My TBR pile (ahem... bins) is out of control. Would love to just READ for several weeks. #rwworkshop

13 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moyer
@kelleemoye

@jamilla7672 Intense GN. #rwworkshop

13 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

I just started Wake Up Missing by @KateMessner #rwworkshop

13 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@mindi_r I love high fantasy for middle grade! #rwworkshop

14 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

@guerrette79 I want to read both of those too! #rwworkshop

14 MINUTES AGO



Melissa Guerrette
@guerrette79

@mindi_r They are moving through them quickly AND passing them around among themselves. #celebrations #rwworkshop

14 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

@kelleemoye <3 The Real Boy. @anneursu is a genius. #rwworkshop

14 MINUTES AGO



Jamilla
@jamilla7672

#rwworkshop Yummy Graphic Novel

15 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moya
@kelleemoya

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15 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moya
@kelleemoya

Also just read The Real Boy and as wonderful as everyone says.
[#rwworkshop](#)

15 MINUTES AGO



Melissa Guerrette
@guerrette79

Looking forward to digging into Flora & Ulysses and The Year of Billy Miller asap. [#rwworkshop](#)

15 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moya
@kelleemoya

I just read Jeffrey Brown's Jedi Academy and it was so good. He cracks me up. [#rwworkshop](#)

15 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rensch
@mindi_r

[@guerrette79](#) Kids seem to love those I Survived titles. [#rwworkshop](#)

15 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

@guerrette79 I'm on the hold list at my library for that one. Have heard great things! #rwworkshop

16 MINUTES AGO

**Jamilla**

@jamilla7672

#rwworkshop Forgive me, Leonard Peacock

16 MINUTES AGO

**Melissa Guerrette**

@guerrette79

Currently reading I Survived...the Battle of Gettysburg on multiple Ss recommendation. #rwworkshop

16 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

For YA realistic fiction, Winger can't be beat. Powerful stuff. #rwworkshop

16 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

I just read Rose Under Fire a WWII HF. Companion to Code Name Verity. LOVE. Talk about complex text! #rwworkshop

16 MINUTES AGO

**Melissa Guerrette**

@guerrette79

Finished Counting by 7s earlier this week. Great book. #rwworkshop

16 MINUTES AGO

**Melissa Guerrette**

@guerrette79

@PaulSolarz And keep feedback balanced. Include affirmation with constructive criticism. #rwworkshop

18 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

OKAY... last ten minutes. BOOK BLAST! What are you reading now that you love! #rwworkshop

17 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

This is all great! The chat will be archived so you can go back and read the collective wisdom of the group. #rwworkshop

17 MINUTES AGO

**Justin Stygles**

@JustinStygles

thank you @mindi_r @kelleemoye @jamilla7672 @wahlword and @guerrette79 for the convo this evening. Many many favorited ideas #rwworkshop

18 MINUTES AGO

**Jamilla**

@jamilla7672

#rwworkshop@ I tell them my students writing is freedom. It allows them to be whomever they need to be in that moment.

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Melissa Guerrette
@guerrette79

@PaulSolarz And keep feedback balanced. Include affirmation with constructive criticism. #rwworkshop

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Kellee Moyer
@kelleemoye

RT @mindi_r: @guerrette79 There is a James Britton quote: Reading and writing float on a sea of talk. I say all learning does. #rwworkshop

19 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rensch
@mindi_r

@guerrette79 The "yet" is key there. You're growing too! #rwworkshop

19 MINUTES AGO



Paul Solarz
@PaulSolarz

A4 - Feedback is key. Give 1-on-1 time & have them revise immediately. Balance whole class mini-lessons w/individualized attn. #rwworkshop

20 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rensch
@mindi_r

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23 MINUTES AGO



Melissa Guerrette
@guerrette79

@mindi_r Maybe it's a "which came first" situation? #rwworkshop

21 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

RT @jenmerrifield A4: Mini lessons can be created based on needs of writers. They do not have to come from a fancy teacherbook.
#rwworkshop

21 MINUTES AGO



Jamilla
@jamilla7672

#rwworkshop use a writing notebook. it gives them ownership over their writing. mini-lessons must fit the writers.

21 MINUTES AGO



Melissa Guerrette
@guerrette79

@mindi_r I'm not good at this one...yet. I would feel more comfortable w the talk if there was some written work to show. #rwworkshop

21 MINUTES AGO



Jamilla
@jamilla7672

#rwworkshop avoid censorship especially at the secondary level!

23 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

@guerrette79 There is a James Britton quote: Reading and writing float on a sea of talk. I say all learning does. #rwworkshop

23 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moyer
@kelleemoye

@WahlWords @mardieteach @mindi_r Good night to you Nancy!
#rwworkshop

23 MINUTES AGO



Melissa Guerrette
@guerrette79

A4: Allow more talk. Perception is that it interferes w writing, but truth is it prepares writers. #rwworkshop

23 MINUTES AGO



Jamilla
@jamilla7672

@guerrette79 #rwworkshop so important! underestimated!

24 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

@jenmerrifield Modeling is crucial. I think we underestimate the amount of modeling students need. #rwworkshop

24 MINUTES AGO



Melissa Guerrette
@guerrette79

A4: Write with your Ss. Be vulnerable if you expect they will be.
[#rwworkshop](#)

24 MINUTES AGO



Jamilla
@jamilla7672

[#rwworkshop](#) always let your students share with one another.

24 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

[@guerrette79](#) People underestimate the power of small group conferences. Efficient & useful [#rwworkshop](#)

24 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

[@jamilla7672](#) Great list of authors. Can't go wrong with any of them.
[#rwworkshop](#)

25 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

[@guerrette79](#) That is critical. Have to TEACH how to give valuable feedback & model it. [#rwworkshop](#)

25 MINUTES AGO

**Melissa Guerrette**

@guerrette79

A4: Invest time in helping Ss give, receive, and act upon feedback. You can't be the only opinion Ss seek! [#rwworkshop](#)

26 MINUTES AGO

**Jamilla**

@jamilla7672

[#rwworkshop](#) Read the greats: atwell, gallagher, fountas and pinell, and donalyn!

26 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

I spent way more time planning and searching for texts as well as giving feedback. SO worth it. [#rwworkshop](#)

26 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

I wish I had known that it's much harder to teach in this model but SO MUCH better for kids. [#rwworkshop](#)

26 MINUTES AGO

**Melissa Guerrette**

@guerrette79

A4: Smthng I think Im finally getting smarter abt is sm group conferences. Good observation leads to more efficient use of time. [#rwworkshop](#)

27 MINUTES AGO



Jamilla
@jamilla7672

#rwworkshop to never give up no matter how many minutes you're given. kids thrive and it creates a culture of literacy.

27 MINUTES AGO



Nancy Wahl
@WahlWords

@mindi_r Blessed beyond measure...Goodnight all, many thanks!
!#rwworkshop

27 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

Q4 What advice would you give to a teacher just starting writing workshop? What do you wish you had known? #rwworkshop

28 MINUTES AGO



Nancy Wahl
@WahlWords

@kelleemoye @mardieteach @mindi_r Thanks all! Eyelids closing...Appreciate your sharing your wisdom with me...Until next time!#rwworkshop

28 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

@WahlWords 100 minutes! SO LUCKY! #rwworkshop

29 MINUTES AGO



Jamilla
@jamilla7672

[@WahlWords](#) [#rwworkshop](#) I would kill for 100 minutes!

30 MINUTES AGO



Jamilla
@jamilla7672

[#rwworkshop](#) I know but our district is so novel focused that teachers just teach books. I preach against it. I have few disciples-not many.

31 MINUTES AGO



Nancy Wahl
@WahlWords

[@mindi_r](#) Used to..Private school now..100 minute blocks..SPOILED..use EVERY minute..[#rwworkshop](#)

32 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moyer
@kelleemoye

[@mardieteach](#) [@mindi_r](#) Night Mardie! [#rwworkshop](#)

32 MINUTES AGO



Justin Stygles
@JustinStygles

[@WahlWords](#) [@guerrette79](#) the most critical understanding.
[#rwworkshop](#). The language of reading.

32 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

RT @WahlWords @guerrette79 I agree...if students get to know themselves as readers they will begin to see themselves as writers..#rwworkshop

32 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

@guerrette79 You're luck! We're working on implementing content area workshops now #rwworkshop

32 MINUTES AGO

**Rhonda Deighton**

@mardieteach

Sorry, my eyes are closing - very long day. Always enjoy #rwworkshop chat. Thanks to @mindi_r and @kelleemoye Good night!

33 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

@jamilla7672 That makes me sad. Kids blossom in MS & HS workshops. #rwworkshop

33 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

@payanar This was an issue for us at first when dist. adoped workshop model. Now, kids are used to and embrace choice. #rwworkshop

33 MINUTES AGO



Jamilla
@jamilla7672

@mindi_r #rwworkshop At the elementary expected. At the middle school and high school level- frowned upon!

33 MINUTES AGO



Melissa Guerrette
@guerrette79

@mindi_r I do. Workshop model is the expectation for writing, reading, and math in my district. #rwworkshop

34 MINUTES AGO



Nancy Wahl
@WahlWords

@guerrette79 A3: I agree...if students get to know themselves as readers they will begin to see themselves as writers..#rwworkshop

34 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

In mine, it's K-8, so by the time kids get to the MS, they have stamina & understanding of structure. #rwworkshop

34 MINUTES AGO



Rhonda Deighton
@mardieteach

@guerrette79 Stamina is big for us too. Many of my Ss are not used to writing much. I'm working on building their stamina. #rwworkshop

34 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

A3 How many of you work in districts where WW is the expected model of instruction? #rwworkshop

34 MINUTES AGO



Kellee Moyer
@kelleemoye

@mardieteach @mindi_r Isn't time always the biggest obstacle?!?!
#rwworkshop

34 MINUTES AGO



Jamilla
@jamilla7672

@mindi_r #rwworkshop Me too. I've been trying for years!

35 MINUTES AGO



Jamilla
@jamilla7672

#rwworkshop and that the only type of writing students should do is open response writing

36 MINUTES AGO



Rhonda Deighton
@mardieteach

Me too! RT @mindi_r: A3 For me, the biggest challenge was always TIME!
#rwworkshop

36 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

@jamilla7672 I wish there was an easy way to convince HS teachers that workshop IS for high school! #rwworkshop

36 MINUTES AGO

**Melissa Guerrette**

@guerrette79

A3: Stamina and Ss self-perceptions as writers. There's a big wall of negative stigma to work through. #rwworkshop

36 MINUTES AGO

**Andrea Payan**

@payanar

A3: Also challenging that Ss are used to writing always being assigned...they don't know what to do with choice #rwworkshop

36 MINUTES AGO

**Nancy Wahl**

@WahlWords

First helping kids identify reading they love to read, next up analyzing why they love it then writing reading for others to love! #rwworkshop

36 MINUTES AGO

**Jamilla**

@jamilla7672

#rwworkshop and the idea that workshop is not for secondary students

36 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

A3 For me, the biggest challenge was always TIME! #rwworkshop

37 MINUTES AGO

**Jamilla**

@jamilla7672

@mindi_r #rwworkshop time! I have 70 minutes

37 MINUTES AGO

**Rhonda Deighton**

@mardieteach

@WahlWords True! #rwworkshop

37 MINUTES AGO

**Andrea Payan**

@payanar

A3: For me the challenge is lack of time and too much to teach in that time. I have 45 min a day to teach ELA and technology #rwworkshop

37 MINUTES AGO

**Jamilla**

@jamilla7672

@guerrette79 #rwworkshop writing

37 MINUTES AGO

**Jamilla**

@jamilla7672

@guerrette79 #rwworkshop i use a format from gallaghers writing reasons which shows students how a choice topic can turn into academic

38 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

Q3: What is the biggest challenge you face in implementing or sustaining your workshop? [#rworkshop](#)

38 MINUTES AGO

**Kellee Moye**

@kelleemoye

[@mindi_r](#) LOL Why not, right?! [#rworkshop](#)

38 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

[#rworkshop](#) Choice writing is so important. It is hard sometimes to find that balance.

38 MINUTES AGO

**Melissa Guerrette**

@guerrette79

[@jamilla7672](#) So seed ideas are an extension of choice writing? What about content-related writing? [#rworkshop](#)

39 MINUTES AGO

**Nancy Wahl**

@WahlWords

[@mardieteach](#) 2/2 Beautiful when they get it!!! [#rworkshop](#)

40 MINUTES AGO

**Jamilla**

@jamilla7672

[#rworkshop](#) typos seed ideas

40 MINUTES AGO



Nancy Wahl
@WahlWords

@mardieteach We teach grammar as skill necessary to communicate and create the kind of writing they want to read 1/2 #rwworkshop

40 MINUTES AGO



Jamilla
@jamilla7672

#rwworkshop I balance it by using free writes which my kids love and then I show them how those freewrites can turn into see ideas

40 MINUTES AGO



Rhonda Deighton
@mardieteach

I was going to start with a Where I'm From poem but students were having fun with writing what they 'wanted' to write. #rwworkshop

40 MINUTES AGO



Andrea Payan
@payanar

@mindi_r I love the idea of starting with free verse poetry. Love Atwell's book for great lessons in poetry. #rwworkshop

41 MINUTES AGO



Melissa Guerrette
@guerrette79

Related to curriculum: How do you balance choice writing with assigned writing? #rwworkshop

41 MINUTES AGO

**Rhonda Deighton**

@mardieteach

@JustinStygles @kelleemoye Good way to start the year, I think. I may be trying to do too much. #overzealousteacher #rwworkshop

42 MINUTES AGO

**Jamilla**

@jamilla7672

#rwworkshop We read multiple genres in all units. Common Core really requires us to do this

42 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

A2.a When I was in the classroom I often started with free verse poetry since so many lessons were fundamental. #rwworkshop

42 MINUTES AGO

**Andrea Payan**

@payanar

A2a: We teach in trimesters so focus on each writing purpose for one trimester. Narrative is easiest to start with. #rwworkshop

42 MINUTES AGO

**Rhonda Deighton**

@mardieteach

@WahlWords 2/2 I'm concerned on both sides - a) letting them write poorly; b) turning them off writing w/ too much grammar. #rwworkshop

43 MINUTES AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

@kelleemoye Well, I am in my SECOND year, so bring it on. #rwworkshop

43 MINUTES AGO

**Kellee Moye**

@kelleemoye

@mindi_r Yes. Not there. Starting small :) So much new all over the place; glad they didn't overwhelm me. #rwworkshop

44 MINUTES AGO

**Rhonda Deighton**

@mardieteach

@WahlWords My Ss need this. Many excited to write esp on blog, but can't identify a complete sentence. 1/2 #rwworkshop

44 MINUTES AGO

**Jamilla**

@jamilla7672

#rwworkshop In reading we use an anchor text but we read across genre. i do a lot of teaching through ind. reading

44 MINUTES AGO

**Justin Stygles**

@JustinStygles

@mardieteach @kelleemoye yes, and then expanding into author's craft. #rwworkshop.

44 MINUTES AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

Q2.a Why did you choose those genres to start? [#rwworkshop](#)

44 MINUTES AGO



Andrea Payan
@payanar

I had a good start in the first few weeks but then was absent so we are re-establishing routines now. [#rwworkshop](#)

44 MINUTES AGO



Nancy Wahl
@WahlWords

That's pre-assessment tool...would be nice if the English teacher could type!!! [#rwworkshop](#)

AN HOUR AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

[@kelleemoye](#) Unlike me, who is working with about 7 people at once in cycles, more in teams. [#rwworkshop](#)

AN HOUR AGO



Andrea Payan
@payanar

A2: I am trying to focus on narrative writing and guide writers to write memoir stories. [#rwworkshop](#)

AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@WahlWords Really helps me be able to feel like I am working closely with them all. #rwworkshop

AN HOUR AGO



Jamilla
@jamilla7672

#rwworkshop and reflect. Basically narrative writing: personal statement and memoir

AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@WahlWords I have been very lucky that w/ being new at my coaching job, the admin had me focus on only the 4 tchrs in reading #rwworkshop

AN HOUR AGO



Jamilla
@jamilla7672

#rwworkshop We start by creating a writing culture and writing identities. i use real world reasons to write. i start with express

AN HOUR AGO



Nancy Wahl
@WahlWords

Westart with an intensive grammar review;students write in genre of their choice using reviewed grammar.Great reassessment tool #rwworkshop

AN HOUR AGO



Rhonda Deighton
@mardieteach

[@JustinStygles](#) [@kelleemoye](#) Comprehension of reading? #rwworkshop

AN HOUR AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

[@payanar](#) A2 Andrea, how is that going? Can you elaborate?
#rwworkshop

AN HOUR AGO



Justin Stygles
@JustinStygles

[@kelleemoye](#) [@mardieteach](#) Seamlessness is comprehension through writing. #rwworkshop.

AN HOUR AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

[@mardieteach](#) A2 That's so important. We know that reading and writing are reciprocal processes. Need to incorporate both. #rwworkshop

AN HOUR AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

#rwworkshop SO lets make the curriculum question Q2.

AN HOUR AGO

**Rhonda Deighton**

@mardieteach

[@mindi_r](#) I usually organize units that way as well. Works for me b/c I can connect reading/writing. [#rwworkshop](#)

AN HOUR AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

[#rwworkshop](#) I got so discombobulated with my computer issue that I forgot to add the Q Numbers!

AN HOUR AGO

**Andrea Payan**

@payanar

I am trying to structure curriculum in cycles focused on narrative to start similar to Kittle in Write Beside Them [#rwworkshop](#)

AN HOUR AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

[#rwworkshop](#) In my district, we use genre studies, and kids seem to really enjoy writing in many different genres.

AN HOUR AGO

**Nancy Wahl**

@WahlWords

[@kelleemoye](#) That is so important..new teachers can feel isolated and like no one values their ideas!! [#rwworkshop](#)

AN HOUR AGO



Jamilla
@jamilla7672

@mindi_r #rwworkshop thanks I love teaching workshop model

AN HOUR AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

#rwworkshop So Kellee already asked if you use WW in your classes, and many of you do. How is curriculum structured?

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Andrea Payan
@payanar

Celebrating the fact that Ss are loving blogs. Also more consistent notebook use this year. #rwworkshop

AN HOUR AGO



Rhonda Deighton
@mardieteach

@JustinStygles Can you elaborate on how it's becoming seamless?
#rwworkshop

AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@JustinStygles Hats off to you! #rwworkshop

AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

@mardieteach That is so exciting! What a great way to do authentic writing! #rwworkshop

AN HOUR AGO



Jamilla
@jamilla7672

#rwworkshop i use Kelly Gallagher's writing reasons and atwell's in the middle. both texts are my bible.

AN HOUR AGO



Justin Stygles
@JustinStygles

@kelleemoye Complicated. 140 characters is too little. Started with reading end with writing, in a nutshell. #rwworkshop

AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

As a new reading coach, my celebrations are different as well. I am working at making 2 new (to my sch) tchrs feel comfortable #rwworkshop

AN HOUR AGO



Mindi Rench
@mindi_r

@jamilla7672 That's great! You're off to a great start! #rwworkshop

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Rhonda Deighton
@mardieteach

@kelleemoye Many are really loving it. I'm hoping I can sustain the enthusiasm. #rworkshop

AN HOUR AGO



Andrea Payan
@payanar

hello everyone. Sorry I'm late. I almost forgot!! Andrea from Milwaukee #rworkshop

AN HOUR AGO



Jamilla
@jamilla7672

#rworkshop jamilla from western mass literacy coach and 8th gr. ela teacher

AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moyer
@kelleemoye

@JustinStygles How are you navigating both? #rworkshop

AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moyer
@kelleemoye

@mardieteach How are they liking it?! #rworkshop

AN HOUR AGO

**Ashley Blankenship**

@AshleyBlank

[#rwworkshop](#) In our district we are celebrating great student achievement and getting ready to launch 1:1 iPads in our middle schools!

AN HOUR AGO

**Kellee Moye**

@kelleemoye

[@WahlWords](#) That is an amazing place to start! [#rwworkshop](#)

AN HOUR AGO

**Justin Stygles**

@JustinStygles

I use a writer's workshop. Developing a seamless reading & writers workshop. [#rwworkshop](#).

AN HOUR AGO

**Jamilla**

@jamilla7672

[#rwworkshop](#) my students have over 30 entries in the WN which include list, free writes, and seed ideas.

AN HOUR AGO

**Nancy Wahl**

@WahlWords

[@mindi_r](#) I have classes full of enthusiasm for reading...great place to start with writing workshop! [#rwworkshop](#)

AN HOUR AGO

**Rhonda Deighton**

@mardieteach

@mindi_r Celebrating my Ss excitement about blogging. Many are blogging on their own in the evening w/o being asked. #rwworkshop

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**Rhonda Deighton**

@mardieteach

I think I use a hybrid of WW in my Eng class. Started year off w/ writing territories a la N. Atwell & personal narrative. #rwworkshop

AN HOUR AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

#rwworkshop Let's start tonight with celebrations! What do you have to celebrate?

AN HOUR AGO

**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

Hi everyone! I'm Mindi, aliteracy coach from the Chicago area. Currently troubleshooting a computer issue! #rwworkshop

AN HOUR AGO

**Kellee Moya**

@kelleemoya

Today we are discussing writing workshop. Do you each use writing workshop in your classes already? #rwworkshop

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Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

Mindi is having some technical difficulties. She should be here soon.
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AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moye
@kelleemoye

Welcome Nancy, Rhonda, and Justin. All middle grade so far :)
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AN HOUR AGO



Nancy Wahl
@WahlWords

Hello, all...I am from Texas, and I teach 8th grade English during the year and 10th grade World History in the summer...[#rwworkshop](#)

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Rhonda Deighton
@mardieteach

I'm Rhonda, and I teach 7th grade English (amongst other subjects). Here for a bit. [#rwworkshop](#)

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Justin Stygles
@JustinStygles

justin, norway, Maine. Gr. 5/6. [#rwworkshop](#)

AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moya
@kelleemoya

OH! In Florida :) #rwworkshop

AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moya
@kelleemoya

My name is Kellee Moya. I am a middle school [new] reading coach (past ELA and intensive reading teacher) #rwworkshop

AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moya
@kelleemoya

As everyone gets settled in, let's introduce ourselves. #rwworkshop

AN HOUR AGO



Kellee Moya
@kelleemoya

Time for reading/writing workshop chat!! #rwworkshop

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Nancy Wahl
@WahlWords

Glad to be here! Thank you @mindi_r @kelleemoya for hosting!
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Ashley Blankenship
@AshleyBlank

Hey all my fellow English nerds! #rwworkshop chat is up next! #hscpdI

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**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

7 minutes to [#rwworkshop](#). Come talk about writing workshop with [@kelleemoye](#), your twitter PLN, and me!

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**Kellee Moye**

@kelleemoye

Less than 10 minutes until [#rwworkshop](#) at 9PM ET! :)

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**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

[#rwworkshop](#) chat TONIGHT at 9pm ET. Join [@kelleemoye](#) and me as we discuss writing workshop! Bring your ideas!

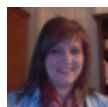
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**Kellee Moye**

@kelleemoye

Can you believe it's already [#rwworkshop](#) chat time again? Join [@mindi_r](#) and me at 9pm ET for a great chat! Topic: Writing workshop (Pls RT)

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**Mindi Rench**

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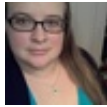
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My 12 year old daughter and I will fight over Allegiant when it arrives on our doorstep later this month!

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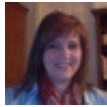
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[@mindi_r](#) Allegiant! #rwworkshop

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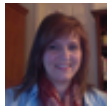
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What books are you dying to read or are anxiously awaiting release dates? #rwworkshop

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**Mindi Rench**

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I make it a point to chat up the librarians at my library so they don't get mad about my huge hold piles!
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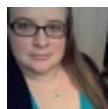
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[@kelleemoye](#) [#rwworkshop](#) my kids love that book. I can't keep it on the shelf!

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**Kellee Moye**

@kelleemoye

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[@mindi_r](#) I have that to read too! I need to get through some of my blog "to review" pile before moving onto other bks though. [#rwworkshop](#)

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**Melissa Guerrette**

@guerrette79

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[@mindi_r](#) I want to read that also. [#rwworkshop](#)

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[#rwworkshop](#) Thank you all for a wonderful chat!!!I'm glad there are others who value workshop model!

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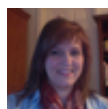
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@[mindi_r](#) Worth the wait. Think my local librarian is catching on-commented on this wk's picks: "You have 3 brand new bks again" [#rwworkshop](#)

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My TBR pile (ahem... bins) is out of control. Would love to just READ for several weeks. [#rwworkshop](#)

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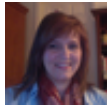
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[@jamilla7672](#) Intense GN. [#rwworkshop](#)

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I just started Wake Up Missing by [@KateMessner](#)
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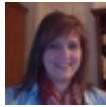
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[@mindi_r](#) I love high fantasy for middle grade!
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**Mindi Rench**

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[@guerrette79](#) I want to read both of those too!
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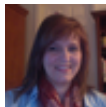
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@guerrette79

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[@mindi_r](#) They are moving through them quickly
AND passing them around among themselves.
[#celebrations](#) [#rwworkshop](#)

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**Mindi Rench**

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[@kelleemoye](#) <3 The Real Boy. [@anneursu](#) is a
genius. [#rwworkshop](#)

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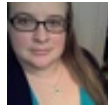
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#rwworkshop Yummy Graphic Novel

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Also just read The Real Boy and as wonderful as everyone says. #rwworkshop

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**Melissa Guerrette**

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Looking forward to digging into Flora & Ulysses and The Year of Billy Miller asap. #rwworkshop

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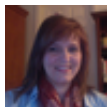
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I just read Jeffrey Brown's Jedi Academy and it was so good. He cracks me up. [#rwworkshop](#)

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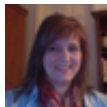
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[@guerrette79](#) Kids seem to love those I Survived titles. [#rwworkshop](#)

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**Mindi Rench**

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[@guerrette79](#) I'm on the hold list at my library for that one. Have heard great things! [#rwworkshop](#)

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#rwworkshop Forgive me, Leonard Peacock

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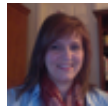
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Currently reading I Survived...the Battle of Gettysburg on multiple Ss recommendation. #rwworkshop

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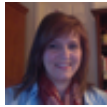
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For YA realistic fiction, Winger can't be beat. Powerful stuff. #rwworkshop

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**Mindi Rench**

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I just read *Rose Under Fire* a WWII HF. Companion to *Code Name Verity*. LOVE. Talk about complex text!

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**Melissa Guerrette**

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Finished *Counting by 7s* earlier this week. Great book.

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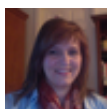
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[@PaulSolarz](#) And keep feedback balanced. Include affirmation with constructive criticism. [#rwworkshop](#)

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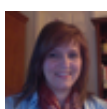
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@mindi_r

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OKAY... last ten minutes. BOOK BLAST! What are you reading now that you love! [#rwworkshop](#)

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**Mindi Rench**

@mindi_r

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This is all great! The chat will be archived so you can go back and read the collective wisdom of the group. [#rwworkshop](#)

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**Justin Stygles**

@JustinStygles

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thank you [@mindi_r](#) [@kelleemoye](#) [@jamilla7672](#) [@wahlword](#) and [@guerrette79](#) for the convo this evening. Many many favorited ideas [#rwworkshop](#)

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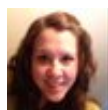
**Jamilla**

@jamilla7672

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[#rwworkshop](#)@ I tell them my students writing is freedom. It allows them to be whomever they need to be in that moment.

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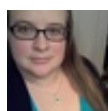
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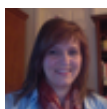
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RT [@mindi_r](#): [@guerrette79](#) There is a James Britton quote: Reading and writing float on a sea of talk. I say all learning does. [#rwworkshop](#)

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**Mindi Rench**

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[@guerrette79](#) The "yet" is key there. You're growing too! [#rwworkshop](#)

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**Paul Solarz**

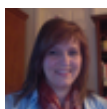
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A4 - Feedback is key. Give 1-on-1 time & have them revise immediately. Balance whole class mini-lessons w/individualized attn. [#rwworkshop](#)

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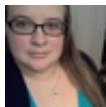
**Melissa Guerrette**

@guerrette79

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@mindi_r Maybe it's a "which came first" situation?
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**Kellee Moye**

@kelleemoye

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RT @jenmerrifield A4: Mini lessons can be created based on needs of writers. They do not have to come from a fancy teacherbook. #rwworkshop

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**Jamilla**

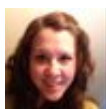
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#rwworkshop use a writing notebook. it gives them ownership over their writing. mini-lessons must fit the writers.

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**Melissa Guerrette**

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@mindi_r I'm not good at this one...yet. I would feel more comfortable w the talk if there was some written work to show. #rwworkshop

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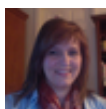
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#rwworkshop avoid censorship especially at the secondary level!

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**Kellee Moya**

@kelleemoya

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[@WahlWords](#) [@mardieteach](#) [@mindi_r](#) Good night to you Nancy! [#rwworkshop](#)

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**Melissa Guerrette**

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A4: Allow more talk. Perception is that it interferes w writing, but truth is it prepares writers. [#rwworkshop](#)

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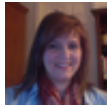
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[@guerrette79](#) [#rwworkshop](#) so important! underestimated!

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@jenmerrifield Modeling is crucial. I think we underestimate the amount of modeling students need.

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A4: Write with your Ss. Be vulnerable if you expect they will be. #rwworkshop

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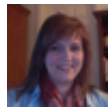
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#rwworkshop always let your students share with one another.

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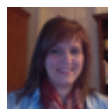
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[@guerrette79](#) People underestimate the power of small group conferences. Efficient & useful [#rworkshop](#)

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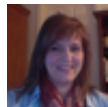
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[@jamilla7672](#) Great list of authors. Can't go wrong with any of them. [#rworkshop](#)

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[@guerrette79](#) That is critical. Have to TEACH how to give valuable feedback & model it. [#rworkshop](#)

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**Melissa Guerrette**

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A4: Invest time in helping Ss give, receive, and act upon feedback. You can't be the only opinion Ss seek!

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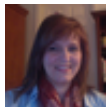
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[#rwworkshop](#) Read the greats: atwell, gallagher, fountas and pinell, and donalyn!

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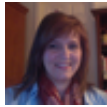
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I spent way more time planning and searching for texts as well as giving feedback. SO worth it. [#rwworkshop](#)

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I wish I had known that it's much harder to teach in this model but SO MUCH better for kids.

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A4: Smthng I think Im finally getting smarter abt is sm group conferences. Good observation leads to more efficient use of time. [#rwworkshop](#)

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[#rwworkshop](#) to never give up no matter how many minutes you're given. kids thrive and it creates a culture of literacy.

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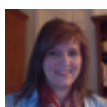
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[@mindi_r](#) Blessed beyond measure...Goodnight all,
many thanks ![#rwworkshop](#)

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Q4 What advice would you give to a teacher just
starting writing workshop? What do you wish you had
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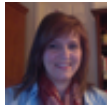
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[@kelleemoye](#) [@mardieteach](#) [@mindi_r](#) Thanks all!
Eyelids closing...Appreciate your sharing your wisdom
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**Mindi Rench**

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[@WahlWords](#) 100 minutes! SO LUCKY!
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[@WahlWords](#) [#rwworkshop](#) I would kill for 100 minutes!

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[#rwworkshop](#) I know but our district is so novel focused that teachers just teach books. I preach against it. I have few disciples-not many.

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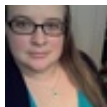
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[@mindi_r](#) Used to..Private school now..100 minute blocks..SPOILED..use EVERY minute..[#rworkshop](#)

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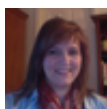
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[@WahlWords](#) [@guerrette79](#) the most critical understanding. [#rworkshop](#). The language of reading.

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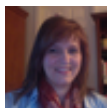
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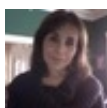
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@guerrette79 You're luck! We're working on implementing content area workshops now #rwworkshop

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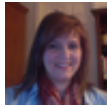
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Sorry, my eyes are closing - very long day. Always enjoy #rwworkshop chat. Thanks to @mindi_r and @kelleemoye Good night!

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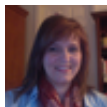
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[@jamilla7672](#) That makes me sad. Kids blossom in MS & HS workshops. [#rwworkshop](#)

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[@payanar](#) This was an issue for us at first when dist. adopted workshop model. Now, kids are used to and embrace choice. [#rwworkshop](#)

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**Jamilla**

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[@mindi_r](#) [#rwworkshop](#) At the elementary expected. At the middle school and high school level- frowned upon!

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**Melissa Guerrette**

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@mindi_r I do. Workshop model is the expectation for writing, reading, and math in my district. #rwworkshop

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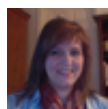
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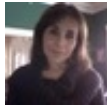
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In mine, it's K-8, so by the time kids get to the MS, they have stamina & understanding of structure.

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**Rhonda Deighton**

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[@guerrette79](#) Stamina is big for us too. Many of my Ss are not used to writing much. I'm working on building their stamina. [#rwworkshop](#)

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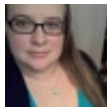
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A3 How many of you work in districts where WW is the expected model of instruction? [#rwworkshop](#)

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@mindi_r #rwworkshop Me too. I've been trying for years!

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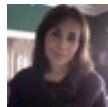
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#rwworkshop and that the only type of writing students should do is open response writing

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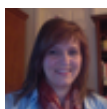
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Me too! RT @mindi_r: A3 For me, the biggest challenge was always TIME! #rwworkshop

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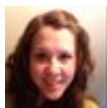
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@jamilla7672 I wish there was an easy way to convince HS teachers that workshop IS for high school!

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**Melissa Guerrette**

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A3: Stamina and Ss self-perceptions as writers. There's a big wall of negative stigma to work through.

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A3: Also challenging that Ss are used to writing always being assigned...they don't know what to do with choice #rwworkshop

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First helping kids identify reading they love to read, next up analyzing why they love it then writing reading for others to love! [#rwworkshop](#)

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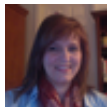
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[#rwworkshop](#) and the idea that workshop is not for secondary students

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**Jamilla**

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@mindi_r #rwworkshop time! I have 70 minutes

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**Rhonda Deighton**

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@WahlWords True! #rwworkshop

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**Andrea Payan**

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A3: For me the challenge is lack of time and too much to teach in that time. I have 45 min a day to teach ELA and technology #rwworkshop

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@guerrette79 #rwworkshop writing

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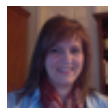
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@guerrette79 #rwworkshop i use a format from gallaghers writing reasons which shows students how a choice topic can turn into academic

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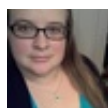
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Q3: What is the biggest challenge you face in implementing or sustaining your workshop?

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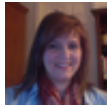
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@mindi_r LOL Why not, right?! #rwworkshop

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[#rwworkshop](#) Choice writing is so important. It is hard sometimes to find that balance.

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**Melissa Guerrette**

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[@jamilla7672](#) So seed ideas are an extension of choice writing? What about content-related writing?

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**Nancy Wahl**

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[@mardieteach](#) 2/2 Beautiful when they get it!!!

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@mardieteach We teach grammar as skill necessary to communicate and create the kind of writing they want to read 1/2 #rwworkshop

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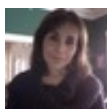
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#rwworkshop I balance it by using free writes which my kids love and then I show them how those freewrites can turn into seed ideas

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**Rhonda Deighton**

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I was going to start with a Where I'm From poem but students were having fun with writing what they 'wanted' to write. [#rwworkshop](#)

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**Andrea Payan**

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[@mindi_r](#) I love the idea of starting with free verse poetry. Love Atwell's book for great lessons in poetry. [#rwworkshop](#)

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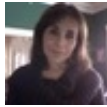
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@JustinStygles @kelleemoye Good way to start the year, I think. I may be trying to do too much.

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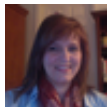
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#rwworkshop We read multiple genres in all units. Common Core really requires us to do this

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A2.a When I was in the classroom I often started with free verse poetry since so many lessons were fundamental. #rwworkshop

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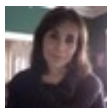
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A2a: We teach in trimesters so focus on each writing purpose for one trimester. Narrative is easiest to start with. [#rwworkshop](#)

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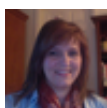
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[@WahlWords](#) 2/2 I'm concerned on both sides - a) letting them write poorly; b) turning them off writing w/ too much grammar. [#rwworkshop](#)

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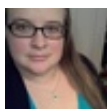
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[@kelleemoye](#) Well, I am in my SECOND year, so bring it on. [#rwworkshop](#)

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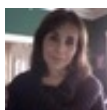
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@mindi_r Yes. Not there. Starting small :) So much new all over the place; glad they didn't overwhelm me.

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@WahlWords My Ss need this. Many excited to write esp on blog, but can't identify a complete sentence. 1/2

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#rwworkshop In reading we use an anchor text but we read across genre. i do a lot of teaching through ind. reading

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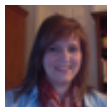
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@mardieteach @kelleemoye yes, and then expanding into author's craft. #rwworkshop.

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Q2.a Why did you choose those genres to start?
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I had a good start in the first few weeks but then was absent so we are re-establishing routines now.

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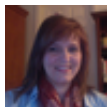
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That's pre-assessment tool...would be nice if the English teacher could type!!! #rwworkshop

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@kelleemoye Unlike me, who is working with about 7 people at once in cycles, more in teams. #rwworkshop

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A2: I am trying to focus on narrative writing and guide writers to write memoir stories. #rwworkshop

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[@WahlWords](#) Really helps me be able to feel like I am working closely with them all. [#rworkshop](#)

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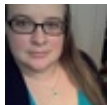
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[#rworkshop](#) and reflect. Basically narrative writing: personal statement and memoir

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[@WahlWords](#) I have been very lucky that w/ being new at my coaching job, the admin had me focus on only the 4 tchrs in reading [#rworkshop](#)

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[#rwworkshop](#) We start by creating a writing culture and writing identities. i use real world reasons to write. i start with express

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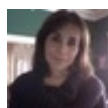
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Westart with an intensive grammar review;students write in genre of their choice using reviewed grammar.Great reassessment tool [#rwworkshop](#)

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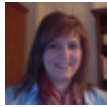
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[@payanar](#) A2 Andrea, how is that going? Can you elaborate? [#rwworkshop](#)

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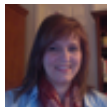
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[@kelleemoye](#) [@mardieteach](#) Seamlessness is comprehension through writing. [#rwworkshop](#).

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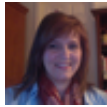
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[@mardieteach](#) A2 That's so important. We know that reading and writing are reciprocal processes. Need to incorporate both. [#rwworkshop](#)

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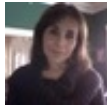
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[#rworkshop](#) SO lets make the curriculum question Q2.

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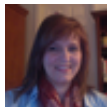
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@mindi_r I usually organize units that way as well.
Works for me b/c I can connect reading/writing.
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computer issue that I forgot to add the Q Numbers!

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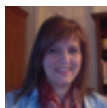
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I am trying to structure curriculum in cycles focused on narrative to start similar to Kittle in Write Beside Them [#rwworkshop](#)

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[#rwworkshop](#) In my district, we use genre studies, and kids seem to really enjoy writing in many different genres.

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[@kelleemoye](#) That is so important..new teachers can feel isolated and like no one values their ideas!!
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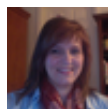
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@mindi_r #rwworkshop thanks I love teaching workshop model

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#rwworkshop So Kellee already asked if you use WW in your classes, and many of you do. How is curriculum structured?

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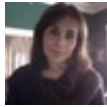
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Celebrating the fact that Ss are loving blogs. Also more consistent notebook use this year. #rwworkshop

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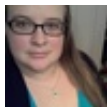
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[@JustinStygles](#) Can you elaborate on how it's becoming seamless? [#rwworkshop](#)

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[@JustinStygles](#) Hats off to you! [#rwworkshop](#)

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[@mardieteach](#) That is so exciting! What a great way to do authentic writing! [#rwworkshop](#)

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[#rwworkshop](#) i use Kelly Gallagher's writing reasons and atwell's in the middle. both texts are my bible.

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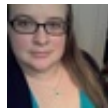
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[@kelleemoye](#) Complicated. 140 characters is too little. Started with reading end with writing, in a nutshell. [#rwworkshop](#)

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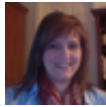
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As a new reading coach, my celebrations are different as well. I am working at making 2 new (to my schl) tchrs feel comfortable [#rwworkshop](#)

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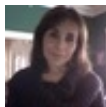
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@jamilla7672 That's great! You're off to a great start!
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@kelleemoye Many are really loving it. I'm hoping I
can sustain the enthusiasm. #rwworkshop

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**Andrea Payan**

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hello everyone. Sorry I'm late. I almost forgot!! Andrea
from Milwaukee #rwworkshop

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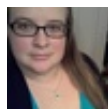
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[#rwworkshop](#) jamilla from western mass literacy coach
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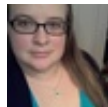
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[@JustinStygles](#) How are you navigating both?
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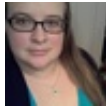
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[#rwworkshop](#) In our district we are celebrating great student achievement and getting ready to launch 1:1 iPads in our middle schools!

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[@WahlWords](#) That is an amazing place to start!
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I use a writer's workshop. Developing a seamless reading & writers workshop. [#rwworkshop](#).

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[#rwworkshop](#) my students have over 30 entries in the WN which include list, free writes, and seed ideas.

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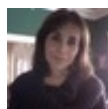
**Nancy Wahl**

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[@mindi_r](#) I have classes full of enthusiasm for reading...great place to start with writing workshop!
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**Rhonda Deighton**

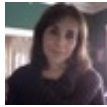
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[@mindi_r](#) Celebrating my Ss excitement about blogging. Many are blogging on their own in the evening w/o being asked. [#rwworkshop](#)

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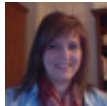
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I think I use a hybrid of WW in my Eng class. Started year off w/ writing territories a la N. Atwell & personal narrative. [#rwworkshop](#)

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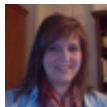
**Mindi Rench**

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[#rwworkshop](#) Let's start tonight with celebrations! What do you have to celebrate?

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Hi everyone! I'm Mindi, aliteracy coach from the Chicago area. Currently troubleshooting a computer issue! [#rwworkshop](#)

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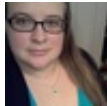
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Today we are discussing writing workshop. Do you each use writing workshop in your classes already?

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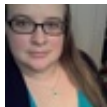
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Mindi is having some technical difficulties. She should be here soon. [#rwworkshop](#)

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Welcome Nancy, Rhonda, and Justin. All middle grade so far :) [#rwworkshop](#)

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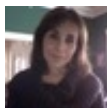
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Hello, all...I am from Texas, and I teach 8th grade English during the year and 10th grade World History in the summer...[#rwworkshop](#)

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**Rhonda Deighton**

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I'm Rhonda, and I teach 7th grade English (amongst other subjects). Here for a bit. [#rwworkshop](#)

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justin, norway, Maine. Gr. 5/6. [#rwworkshop](#)

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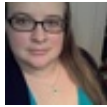


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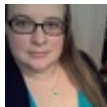
**Kellee Moye**

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My name is Kellee Moye. I am a middle school [new]
reading coach (past ELA and intensive reading teacher)
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**Kellee Moye**

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As everyone gets settled in, let's introduce ourselves.
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Time for reading/writing workshop chat!!

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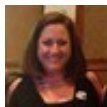
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Glad to be here! Thank you [@mindi_r](#) [@kelleemoye](#) for hosting! [#rwworkshop](#)

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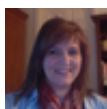
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Hey all my fellow English nerds! [#rwworkshop](#) chat is up next! [#hscpd](#)

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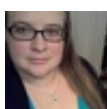
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7 minutes to [#rwworkshop](#). Come talk about writing workshop with [@kelleemoye](#), your twitter PLN, and me!

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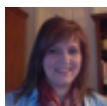
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Less than 10 minutes until [#rwworkshop](#) at 9PM ET! :)

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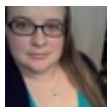
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[#rwworkshop](#) chat TONIGHT at 9pm ET. Join [@kelleemoye](#) and me as we discuss writing workshop! Bring your ideas!

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**Kellee Moya**

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Can you believe it's already [#rwworkshop](#) chat time again? Join [@mindi_r](#) and me at 9pm ET for a great chat! Topic: Writing workshop (Pls RT)

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